

PRE-COUNCIL AGENDA

5:30 PM – CLAIMS COMMITTEE - A PORTION OF THE MEETING MAY BE HELD IN

EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to Section 42-46-4 & Section 42-46-5 (A)(2) of

the General Laws of Rhode Island regarding pending litigation

6:05 PM – ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

6:20 PM – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - A PORTION OF THE MEETING MAY BE HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to Section 42-46-4 & Section 42-46-5 (A)(2) of the General Laws of Rhode Island regarding pending litigation

6:45 PM – PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

6:45 PM – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

7:00 PM – PUBLIC HEARING – TAX STABILIZATION ORDINANCE

7:00 PM – CITY COUNCIL - A PORTION OF THE MEETING MAY BE HELD IN

EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to Section 42-46-4 & Section 42-46-5 (A)(2) of

the General Laws of Rhode Island regarding pending litigation

PUBLIC HEARING

CONVENED_____PM

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 363 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, 1996, ENTITLED "TAXATION." (TAX STABILIZATION FOR EXPANSION OR RENOVATION OF ANY EXISTING FACILITY, CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FACILITY, THE ADDITION OF TANGIBLE BUSINESS PROPERTY OR LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS)

Proposed amendments

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The purpose of this meeting is for discussion and/or consideration of the following:

Previous Minutes: 02/25/2015

1. *CONSENT AGENDA

2. *CORRESPONDENCE

A. Communication from Nancy Whit, Executive Director, Pawtucket Central Falls Development Corporation, to the Pawtucket City Council (Proposed Amendments to the Current Snow Removal Ordinance (§351-20))

B. Communication from Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk, Public Utilities Commission, to Pawtucket City Clerk (Pawtucket Water Supply Board Rate Filing – Docket No. 4550)

C. Communication from Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency to the City of Pawtucket (Various Forms and Statements)

D. Communication from Dylan Zelazo, Chief of Staff, to the Honorable Members of Pawtucket City Council (Regarding POW/MIA Chair)

E. Communication from Karin H. Clancey, Middletown Deputy Town Clerk, to RI Cities and Towns (Resolution in Opposition to H-5257 entitled, “Act Relating to Waters and Navigation – Harbors and Harbor Lines”)

F. Communication from Michael E. Burns, Traffic Engineering Supervisor, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council (Response – Electronic School Speed Sign Funding)

G. Communication from Lance Hill, Director of Public Works, to Richard J. Goldstein, MMC, City Clerk (Response – Renewable Energy

Projects)

H. Communication from Lance Hill, Director of Public Works, to Richard J. Goldstein, MMC, City Clerk (Response – Snow Plowing Review Meetings)

I. Communication from Joanna L’Heureux, Finance Director, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council (Amendment to Pay Plan Ordinance Chapter 3059 – Reclassification of Building Official)

J. AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 3059 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET ESTABLISHING A PAY PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET FOR LOCAL 1012 (Building Official) TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE AND REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

K. Communication from Joanna L’Heureux, Finance Director, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council (Amendment to Pay Plan Ordinance Chapter 3059 – Delete: Office Clerk-Zoning Division – Create: Office Clerk/Housing Ct. Clerk; Equipment Operator III – Upgrade from R32 to R38)

L. AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 3059 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET ESTABLISHING A PAY PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET FOR LOCAL 1012 (Equipment

Operator III and Office Clerk/Housing Ct. Clerk) TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE AND REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

M. Communication from Robert D. Billington, President, Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, to Mayor Donald R. Grebien (Requesting Financial Support for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016) TO BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

N. AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 410 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, 1996, ENTITLED “ZONING” - Text and Official Maps (Historic District – 22 Bedford Road, 175 West Avenue, & 11 Walnut Street) – PUBLIC HEARING TO BE SET FOR MARCH 25, 2015.

O. AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 410 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, 1996, ENTITLED “ZONING” - Text and Official Maps (Historic District – 15 Laurel Avenue) – PUBLIC HEARING TO BE SET FOR MARCH 25, 2015.

P. AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 410 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET 1996, ENTITLED, “ZONING” TEXT AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAPS (60 Dexter Street, 140 Dexter Street and 65 Goff Avenue – Assessor Plat 44, Lots 595, 340, 568) – PUBLIC HEARING TO BE SET FOR MARCH 25, 2015.

Q. THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY TO

BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS:

Courtney Amaral - \$272.10

Janibel Brea - \$3,577.98/\$4,205.64

Suzanne Cabral - \$818.17

Zacorey Charron - \$138.19/\$166.83

Yadira Cruz & Susana Astros by American Commerce Insurance Co. –

No Amount Specified

Jolanta DeAmaral - \$325.28

Sandra dos Santos - \$447.44/\$455.31

Michael Dvorin - \$128.94

Theresa Ioffe - \$250.75

Linda and Philip Jacobs - \$169.87/\$175.75

Pedro Monteiro - \$2,982.50

Industrial Motors Inc. - \$5,762.30/\$6,289.94

Rolando Morales – Pending Estimate

Kelvin B. Ortiz - \$879.45

Khalie Reth - \$150.00

Evelyn Tetreault - claim 1 - \$221.00

Evelyn Tetreault – claim 2 - \$221.00

A portion of this meeting may be held in Executive Session pursuant to § 42-46-4 and § 42-46-5 (A)(2) of the General Laws of the State of

Rhode Island regarding pending litigation.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Appeal of Defenders of Animals vs. Joanna L'Heureux, PC2013-4828

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

4. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RETURNS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS TO KEEP THE PAWTUCKET RED SOX AT MCCOY STADIUM.

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

5. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF

RACIONALISMO CRISTAO FILIAL DE PAWTUCKET, A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, LOCATED AT 12 WALDO STREET, PAWTUCKET, RI

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

6. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RETURNS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF TAXES ON AUTOMOBILES, REAL ESTATE, AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$354,123.64 FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 2014

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

7. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF WATER REVENUE BONDS AND NOTES NOT TO EXCEED ELEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$11,000,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

FOR SECOND PASSAGE

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

8. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 363 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, 1996, ENTITLED “TAXATION.” (TAX STABILIZATION FOR EXPANSION OR RENOVATION OF ANY EXISTING FACILITY, CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FACILITY, THE ADDITION OF TANGIBLE BUSINESS PROPERTY OR LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS)” WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL:

§ 363-75 Eligible Property

(j) In the event the applicant is delinquent on any quarterly tax or other payment due to the City on property receiving the exemption hereunder for a period of more than forty-five (45) days, or in the event that the subject property no longer complies with City and state zoning laws, building and fire codes, the tax exemption granted pursuant to this stabilization program shall cease immediately. Notice of the tax delinquency and/or failure to comply with City and state zoning laws, building and fire codes shall be sent to the property owner by registered mail after the tax delinquency and/or failure to comply with City and state zoning laws, building and fire codes occurs. A copy of said delinquency notice shall be provided to the City Council Mayor and City Council at the same time.

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

§ 363-77 Application Procedure for Five (5) Year Administrative Tax Stabilization

(a) ...

(6) The Director of Planning & Redevelopment and the City Tax Assessor shall approve or deny a decision, deny or defer a decision pending additional information, within fifteen (15) days of the application being deemed complete. Issuance of a certificate of completeness and provide a copy of the decision to the Mayor and City Council. A copy of that decision shall be provided to the Mayor and City Council at the same time it is provided to the applicant.

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

§ 363-75 Eligible Property

(g) Prior to authorizing any property tax stabilization for the property, the property owner shall be required to obtain a Municipal Lien Certificate from the Tax Collector's office, indicating that the applicant business and/or property owner is current on all payments owed to the City. In addition, the applicant shall be required to obtain a Certificate of Good Standing from the State of Rhode Island,

indicating that the applicant business and/or property owner is current on all taxes owed to the State. Any payments that are in arrears on the property shall render the applicant ineligible for the incentive offered through this article. If the applicant business and/or property owner is unable to produce these certificates, the applicant shall be deemed ineligible for the incentives offered through this article.

§ 363-77 Application Procedure for Five (5) Year Administrative Tax Stabilization

(a) The application procedure for projects seeking a five (5) year administrative tax stabilization agreement shall proceed as follows:

(1) Eligible property owners planning to utilize this program shall, prior to obtaining a building permit, apply for the program through the City Planning & Redevelopment Department. A complete application will contain the following material exhibits:

- a. Application form;
- b. Three (3) sets of improvement plans;
- c. An itemized description of the improvements associated with the project;
- d. A non-refundable application fee in the amount of \$100;
- e. A municipal lien certificate issued by the City Collections Office for

the project property.

f. A certificate of good standing from the State of Rhode Island.

§ 363-80 Application Procedure for Ten (10) Year Tax Stabilization

(a) The application procedure shall proceed as follows:

(1) Businesses or property owners planning to utilize this program shall, prior to obtaining a building permit, apply for the program through the City Planning & Redevelopment Department. A complete application will contain the following material exhibits:

a. Application form;

b. Three (3) sets of improvement plans

c. An itemized description of the improvements associated with the project;

d. A non-refundable application fee in the amount of \$200;

e. A municipal lien certificate issued by the City Collections Department for the project property.

f. A certificate of good standing from the State of Rhode Island.

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

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9. THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 363 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, 1996, ENTITLED “TAXATION.” (TAX STABILIZATION FOR EXPANSION OR RENOVATION OF ANY EXISTING FACILITY, CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FACILITY, THE ADDITION OF TANGIBLE BUSINESS PROPERTY OR LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS),” IS TAKEN UP:

§ 363-80 Application Procedure for Ten (10) Year Tax Stabilization

(b) The application procedure shall proceed as follows:

(5) Subsequent to the City Tax Assessor’s inspection of the subject property, the Department of Planning & Redevelopment shall review and prepare a written recommendation to the City Council Finance Committee which outlines the fiscal impacts the proposed stabilization will have on the tax base of the City and provide a recommendation for stabilization on the property. Upon receiving the City Council Finance Committee’s recommendation, the City Clerk shall place the stabilization request on the docket of the next available City Council meeting have the matter scheduled on the City Council agenda for a public hearing and publish notice of the scheduled public hearing at least 10 days prior to the meeting of the City Council in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Pawtucket as is required by Rhode Island General Laws § 44-5-61.2.

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

10. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RETURNS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL, AS AMENDED:

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FOR FIRST PASSAGE

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

11. THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE RETURNS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL:

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 63 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, 1996, ENTITLED

“PERSONNEL POLICIES.” (AUTOMOBILE USAGE REPORTS TO INCLUDE MILEAGE)

FOR FIRST PASSAGE

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

12. THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS RETURNS THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY:

Courtney Amaral - \$752.94

Neil Beranbaum - \$731.68/\$885.46

Leslie Pietraszka - \$248.62

Joseph Plant - \$168.99

Scott and Jennifer Hamel and minor son D.H. by Patricia Andrews, Esq. - \$400,000.00

Patricia Koziol by Levett Schefrin Harnett, Ltd. - \$100,000.00

James and Carolyn Stewart by the Hartford Central Recovery Office - \$2,472.93

William Smith - \$72.00

Manuel Percy by Liberty Mutual - \$3,792.68

Margaret Ethier – Pending Estimates

Lorraine Laramee – Pending Estimates

ADJOURNED_____ **P.M.**